

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1138

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the gallant members of the Volunteer Fire Departments of Sumner County.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy a wonderful quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely fight fires and daily defend our homes and our workplaces against destruction by fire; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to these exemplary citizens who give unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to perpetuate the public safety; and

WHEREAS, the laudable individuals who comprise the Volunteer Fire Departments of Sumner County represent one such exemplary group of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of Highland, Mitchellville, Southeast Community, Westmoreland, White House, Gallatin Community, Cottontown, Oak Grove Community, Shackle Island, and No. One Volunteer Fire Departments in Sumner County are heroic Tennesseans who are worthy of our utmost praise; they provide fire protection and first responder service to citizens who might otherwise be left without such assistance when they need it most; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the volunteer firefighters in Sumner County have saved many homes and countless memories for their friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, their invaluable work has been greatly assisted by their procurement of pumper trucks, brush trucks, turnout gear, extrication equipment, and other pieces of equipment that are vitally important in fighting structural and brush fires and fulfilling the requirements of first responders; and

WHEREAS, these volunteer fire departments have received invaluable financial assistance from Sumner County, but have also taken extraordinary steps to secure additional

funds, so that they can better serve their communities; they have organized fundraising events, such as pancake breakfasts, auctions, bake sales, and membership drives, and have petitioned for and received Federal Emergency Management Agency grants; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the gallant citizens who serve in these volunteer fire departments often utilize their own money to support their department's mission, in addition to donating their valuable time and considerable talents; on call twenty-four hours per day, they are often taken away from their families in order to confront danger while serving other families in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Sumner County Volunteer Fire Departments embody the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, they are worthy of our most effusive thanks for a difficult job well done; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the ten Volunteer Fire Departments of Sumner County for their diligent and dedicated service to their respective communities, as we fondly reflect on their unsurpassed public service, gallantry, heroism, and outstanding character. We wish these courageous Tennesseans much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.